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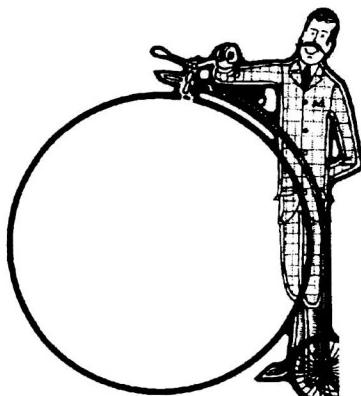
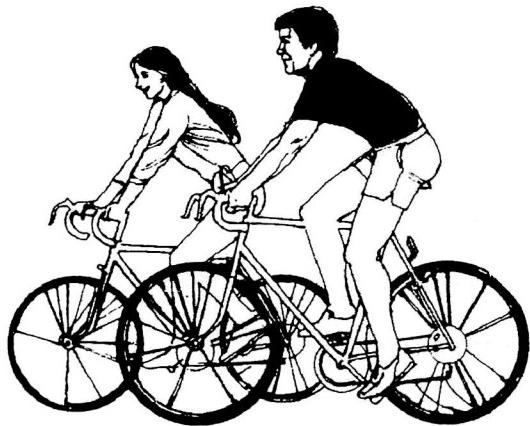
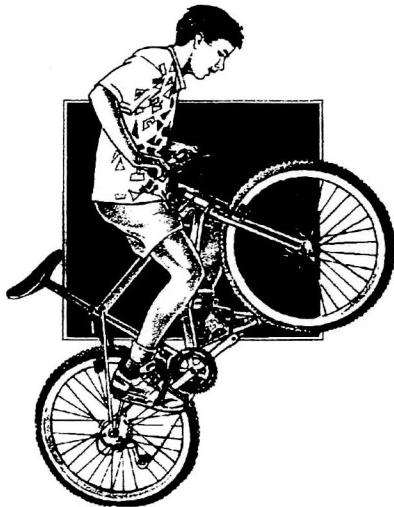


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## Sign up for the MS150



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**Amateur Radio License Examinations** are held on the *first* non-holiday Thursday of every month at The Franklin Institute Science Museum—registration finishes at 6 p.m. doors close at 6:30 PM-SHARP!

## CLUB INFORMATION

Mailing address: P.O. Box 88, Abington, PA 19001

Internet Web site: <http://www.phil-mont.org>

E-mail: [info@phil-mont.org](mailto:info@phil-mont.org)

**2-meter repeater:** 147.03 MHz p/l 91.5

**70-cm repeater:** 444.80 MHz (186.2 Hz PL)

**Simplex:** 147.51 MHz

**24-hour club information at W3AA:** 215-448-1139

## STATIONS

**W3AA** - The Franklin Institute Science Museum, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee WU3I; Manager: W3STW  
The club sponsors this world-class demonstration station, and welcomes all licensed amateurs to operate.

**W3AA** packet BBS frequency: 144.99 MHz: [w3aa@w3aa.#sepa.pa.usa.noam](mailto:w3aa@w3aa.#sepa.pa.usa.noam)

**W3AA** e-mail: [w3aa@phil-mont.org](mailto:w3aa@phil-mont.org)

**W3EM** - Field Day and special events station - Trustee W3VVS

**W3QV** - 147.03 MHz repeater - Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee W3BBB

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## DIRECTORS

WU3I (00); W3RM (00); KB3IV (00); W3STW (01); W3BBB (01); N3MT (01); N3XKE (A)

## COMMITTEES

Archives: W3IN; Audit: KE3OP; Awards: W3WF; Blurb folding: WB3KOJ & WB3KOH; Budget: K3KUD; Directory: WB3KOJ & W3IIM; DX: Open ; Education: W3CH; Emerg.Coor.: N3XKE; Field Day: WU3I; Internet: W3IIM; Membership: W3LEN & KE3ZY; Net Control: KB3IV; Publicity: W3RM Program: W3WF; Public Service: W3WF; Refreshments: W3AOK; Repeater: W3BBB; Skywarn: WX3PHI; Special Events: open; Sunshine: WU3I; Youth: KE3ZY; TVI: W3VVS; VE Program: ND3Q; W3AA Trustee: WU3I; W3AA Station Manager: W3STW; Welcome: K3CJ.

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**Deadline:** To be assured of publication in the month that you want, all copy must be in the hands of the Editor by the 20th of the previous month.

## Net Schedule

**Tuesday CW Practice Net at 20:00— 147.030MHz FM (NOT DURING JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST)**

**Sunday morning 2 Meter Net at 09:30 — 147.030 Mhz FM**

**Sunday morning “10-on-10” Net at 10:00 — 28.393 Mhz SSB (+ or - for QRM)**

**Sunday morning 75 meter Net at 10:20 — 3.993 MHzSSB**

## A Brief History of the *Blurb*

**Originally named “The TVI RETREAT”**

### NOVEMBER 1949

The PHIL-MONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB was formed by six charter members: W3s, AAG, MXP, OQI, PMD, PXY, QQH (BBB).

### DECEMBER 1950

The earliest surviving edition of “THE TVI RETREAT” (so named by W3SGR), in our archives; is assumed to be the December 1950 issue. (They weren’t very careful about dating them back then!) The word *Blurb* actually appeared in that very issue when the editor (W3PXY) made the statement .. “Will try to get this blurb out once a month.” [We’re still trying!]

### JANUARY 1955

The first official use of the name “THE BLURB” appeared on the cover of THE TVI RETREAT. Both names continued to appear (TVI RETREAT on page one of each issue, and THE BLURB on the cover) until the July issue of the same year. The name THE TVI RETREAT was finally retired that year..

### JANUARY 1958

Sam Kuncevich began doing the cover, and other artwork.

### JANUARY 1962

The first cartoon entitled “Sam’s Corner” appeared.

### BLURB EDITORS

Call	From	To	Issues	
W3PXY	12/50?	01/59	98	George King
W3QZO-1	02/59	01/60	12	Bob Thomas
W3ZPP	02/60	04/62	27	Charlie Stouth
K3KUD-1	05/62	06/65	38	Bob Schmileske
W3CDY	07/65	05/67	23	Lloyd Sherman
K3KUD-2	06/67	07/68	14	Bob Schmileske
W3QZO-2	08/68	06/69	11	Bob Thomas
WA3CM	07/69	07/69	OI	Sam Kuncevich*
K3JOC	08/69	12/70	17	Anne Hecht
K3'TKZ	01/71	06/73	30	Ed Jars
W3PST-1	07/73	02/76	32	Woody Haldeman
K3KUD-3	03/76	02/81	60	Bob Schmileske
W3PST-2	03/81	05/89	98	Woody Haldeman
W3IIM-1	06/89	08/98	111	Jack Haring
N3TAL-1	09/98	05/00	21	Dean Spare
W3IIM-2	06/00	06/00	1	Jack Haring
N3TAL-2	07/00	present		Dean Spare

\*Special issue consisting entirely of Sam’s drawings.

### Hey OI’ Timers!

Your Archives person would appreciate receiving early editions of “THE TVI RETREAT”. Most early issues (1949-51) are missing. Please contact W3IIN.

## A Passing of Note

Beverly A. Morgan, 97, died March 15 in Palmer, Alaska. In her younger years she was a weather observer for the U.S. Weather Bureau in Barrow, Alaska.

In 1935 she used Morse Code to transmit the news that Will Rogers and Wiley Post had died in a plane crash near Point Barrow, Alaska. (from Alaska Magazine - August, 2000)  
Thanks to Red, W3RED.

## Thank-you Al

I joined Phil-Mont originally so I could volunteer at W3TKQ (now W3AA). My mentor at the station was Al, W3STW. He explained the station and showed me how everything worked. He taught me how to stamp my parking ticket and how to run the vacuum cleaner. His devotion to the station permeated everything he did. It was contagious.

I have learned that no one is truly indispensable, but Al came very close. The station will continue to be the best and Al will be sorely missed. Thank-you Al for helping me. (*Blurb* Editor)



## 181th Monthly Phil-Mont VE Test Session Statistics for August, 2000

**FOURTEEN (14) candidates took fifteen (15) elements. WE HAD FIVE (5) NEW Technicians four (4) generals, one (1) Extra. We had five (5) new amateurs with five (5) upgrades.**

**The VE team was chaired by Dusty Rhoads (ND3Q).**

**Members are: Jim McCloskey, NS3K; Carol Hutkin, K2BL; Bob Freer, W3YLT**

**Exam Dates for the year 2000:  
Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7.**

## VE Examination Sites

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring the original, and one photocopy of their license. All applicants, including children, must show two other types of ID. Bring the original, and a copy of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. The ARRL VEC's 2000 test fee is \$6.65.

### **THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE**

Monthly, 1st Thursday — Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q. 215-879-0505, day. 215-448-1139 24-hours. Doors open at 6PM and close sharply at 6:30 PM.

### **BELLMAWR, NEW JERSEY**

Diane Nafis, 609-227-6281. Testing is the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. They meet at the Bellmawr Municipal Complex, Browning Rd. and Lewis Ave., one block off Black Horse Pike, Route 168.

### **BRISTOL, PA**

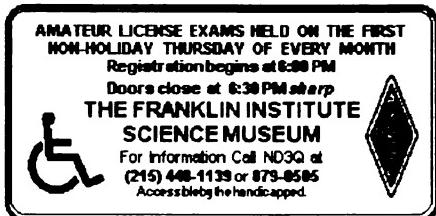
George LeNoir, 215-943-4886

### **PMRC VE Exams, CW Test**

We will be using the multiple choice 5 WPM Code Test for a little while longer until the ARRL sends us the new "fill in the blank" tests.

At this time I have no idea when this will take place. Now is the time to get your super slow speed CW code credit. It's easy! Good Luck!

73, Dusty, ND3Q



### **LEVITTOWN, PA**

David L. Heller, 2125-946-1040

### **LINWOOD, PA (Commercial and Amateur)**

### **TELFORD, PA**

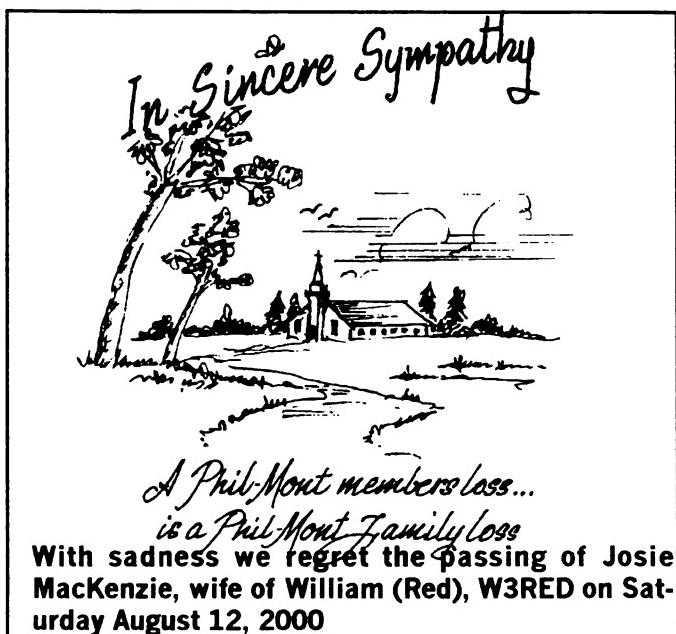
Joseph Burgess, 215-723-6697

### **WARMINSTER, PA**

Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ, 215-343-3494

### **WILMINGTON, DE**

Giselle Wells, 302-478-2757



# The PREZ SEZ



**W**ith the upcoming MS-150 Bike Tour and the idea that public service is the main reason Amateur radio still has billions of dollars of radio spectrum available to it, I found the following ARRL article interesting. I was a REACT member for years and still hold a GMRS license. While working at the bench I often monitor CB channel 9 on an old crystal CB that is on an antenna switch connected to my R5 vertical. I must admit I have to keep the gain down and the squelch up to exclude all the trash signals still on the 11 meter band.

Because of my location overlooking the City line area of I-76 and the elevated portions of I-95, I still call in emergency traffic several times a year.

I often see tables at hamfests loaded with GMRS equipment. Many REACT members are technically advanced radio operators with elaborate repeater systems using the UHF, GMRS, frequencies. Many REACT member are already Hams and many more probably just need a little encouragement from someone like you. The ARRL has seen the potential of working together with REACT and this possibility is something we should all be aware of.

DE W3AOK

**ARRL and REACT Step Together**  
NEWINGTON, CT, Aug 15, 2000—ARRL and REACT—Radio Emergency Associated Communications Teams—took some first steps together this summer. The ARRL Board of Directors approved a memorandum of understanding between the two radio organizations at its July meeting.

The ARRL was on hand July 26-28 for the REACT 2000 International Convention in Kissimmee, Florida. The event included attendees from the US as well as from Canada and Trinidad and Tobago. ARRL Southern Florida Section Manager

Phyllisan West, KA4FZI, coordinated activities for ARRL's representation at the event with Walt Young, convention chairman for the 25th annual REACT gathering.

"REACT folks are dedicated to public service, responding dependably to cover emergencies, marathons and other charity events," said West, who set up and staffed an ARRL exhibit table at the REACT event. "They operate mainly on GMRS and FRS to avoid problems of unlicensed CB channels, and are excited about working more closely with hams."

West said that copies of the ARRL Public Service Communications Manual at the ARRL table were snapped up. "REACT folks were interested in how hams handle NTS and tactical messages," West said. While a lot of REACT members already are amateurs, West said she encouraged those who were not to get ham licenses "to enhance their ability to participate in emergency communications."

West says she plans a meeting of area REACT and ham radio operators in relation to Southern Florida emergency operations centers. The idea would be to develop a guide for interacting at the EOC "that would be simple and easily tailored to local situations."

While REACT has been associated primarily with Citizens Band in the past, the organization has widened its focus to embrace amateur and other services. Young called REACT "just another radio group that is doing the same basic job as ham radio operators" that provides emergency communications when and where needed.

"The trick is to get various groups to work together," he said.

Approximately one-quarter of the REACT conventioneers were ham operators, and one of the official events at the convention was the Amateur Breakfast, at which

West and her husband, Art, were guests.

FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, presented an FCC seminar during the REACT convention. Other seminars included talks on the REACT Rapid Response Program and the Community Emergency Response Teams.

Chris Myers, KF4DQY, of the Florida State Disaster Communications Assistance Team showed off a self-contained trailer with emergency communications equipment, including crank-up tower, generator, repeaters, weather monitoring equipment and radios on many frequencies.

Banquet speaker was Joseph Myers, Director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management Office. REACT presented West with a framed certificate of appreciation during the banquet.

Assisting West at the ARRL table were members of the Orlando Amateur Radio Club, who supplied literature and handled the ham radio test sessions, thanks to Northern Florida Section Manager Rudy Hubbard, WA4PUP. A number of REACT members—including Canadian REACT conventioneer, Ron Faulkner—took exams. REACT member Eric Hutchins, KG6CTO, who couldn't make the convention, took and passed his test the same day at home in California.

**REACT International has a Web site at <http://www.reactintl.org/>.**

# MS 150 Needs Your Help

Well, just a little over a month to go before the M.S. 150 Bike Tour and we are really short of our goal of 150 volunteers. If you are waiting for your buddies to sign up, don't wait any longer. Give them a push and tell them the time is now. If you are waiting until the last minute to sign up, you may not get the position of your choice. There are still quite a few choice spots left, including some of our staff, bus, and repair trucks. There may even be some ambulance spots left. If you can only spare a couple of hours on either day you are still welcome to join the fun. If you can help out for a whole day or both days remember we can also set you up in Ocean City for the night, so you can enjoy the festivities that first night. We have a lot of critical intersections along the route and not enough Hams to make them safe for the bike riders. So, if you want make a difference please send in your completed registration form, today.

If only half the Hams in our data-base sign up we would make our goal, with enough extras to make up for emergency purposes. Remember it takes people like you to make this event a great success. The Staff At the M.S. Society really appreciate our support for all of their events, especially this one. It is the most copied bike tour throughout the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, so what we do out there for those two days is recognized across the country.

Send those forms in now and don't wait for the other guy to do it. If you wait too long you will miss the fun. **Don't forget the reason for Ham Radio is Public Service**, so do your part in also helping to keep our Ham Bands  
73, de Charlie, W3WF.



**The International Voice of The Franklin Institute Science Museum**

**Trustee: Steve Hoch, WU3I**

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A I, W3STW, has resigned, as Station Manager and he is no longer volunteering on Tuesdays. We have a vacancy to fill.

If you know of anyone who can volunteer, have them contact me at home at 215-535-8061. Be patient, I will respond to all calls.

I am in the process of getting the Packet BBS back in service and some other minor projects. Barry, K3EUI is working on getting the PSK31 setup working.

If a phone message request, for information, comes into the shack, it is the responsibility of the volunteer on duty to try and handle it. Please call my home if it cannot be answered. Leave the name and number of the person on my machine. I will attempt to answer it.

Pick up the mail from the office mailbox on the third floor, as often as possible. If there is anything you feel I need to be advised of phone or e-mail me.

If you are unable to make your scheduled day call Bobbie Dillon in the Volunteer Office at 215-448-1163 or try to find another volunteer.

Let's try to work together to keep things running smoothly. We want W3AA to continue to be the Best.

Thank You Stephen C. Hoch, WU3I Station Trustee

### **Attention Radio Shoppers: FOR SALE**

- Kenwood TS-140 HF Transceiver w/hand mic and manuals \$440.00
- Astron RS 35M Power Supply \$ 50.00
- Microwave Modules Transverter 432/435 Mhz 28mhz I.F. \$75.00
- All mode converter .5wts in / 10wts. Out With documentation.
- Azden PCS 7500H 6 meter mobile 50 watts output \$190.00
- Larsen 6 meter mobile antenna NMO base (no mount ) \$ 25.00
- Heathkit FM Deviation Meter. IM 4180 50 to 1000 mhz \$40.00
- Regency HI band VHF Receiver on 154.13 mhz (qty 2) \$ 5.00 ea. Can be tuned to any 2 meter frequency (xtal required)  
Good for a monitor receiver.

If interested contact Rick Spencer N3DHI 215-659-8469



We note, with sadness, the passing of Anne R. Hecht, K3JQC, a former editor of the Blurb and the widow of Hyman N. "Hy" Hecht, W3WNC, a past president of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club, who died in 1968. Anne lived at 510 Pine Street in Philadelphia, for the last 30 years, but some members may recall with fondness Blurb-folding nights at Hy and Anne's Broomall home. Contributions in Anne's memory may be sent to Pennsylvania Hospital, 800 spruce St., Phila.

**Honorary Member**

**Anne Hecht — K3JQC**

**December 3, 1908 - July 30, 2000**

## ATLANTIC DIVISION HAMFEST CALENDAR

- SEP 9 Radio Assn of Erie - Erie, PA  
SEP 10 + Butler Co. ARA - Butler, PA SEP 23 + Buffalo Hamfest - Hamburg, NY  
Western NY Section Convention  
SEP 28-30+Microwave Update 2000 Conference - Trevose, PA Specialty Convention  
SEP 30 ARA of the Southern Tier - Horseheads, NY  
OCT 1 Pack Rats - Wrightstown, PA  
OCT 22 + RF Hill ARC - Sellersville, PA  
\*\* Visit the Atlantic Division Web page at <http://www.bfdin.com/atlantic/index.htm>  
+ indicates ARRL Hamfest

### For Sale

386 Laptop - Best offer  
HP 600 Deskjet printer - best offer  
contact *Blurb* Editor

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Sol Volen - N3UBY  
02 Greg Malone - N3FSC  
03 Marian Fox - WA3YJR  
05 George Walmsley - W3DO  
08 Al Bubeck - K3GNM  
08 Bill Hagerty - AA3BB  
13 Marge Concordia (XYL WB3KAC)  
15 Bob Freer - W3YLT  
17 Peter Grace - KB3DFQ  
17 Vikye Swanson (XYL N3GLH)  
20 Jack Spratt - N3ALW  
20 Michael Taraborrelli - N3MT  
21 Marion Lester (XYL W3FWI)  
23 Patricia Mannio (XYL WA3NSP)  
23 Russ Stafford - W3CH  
26 Margie Guy (XYL N3WPE)  
26 Paul Ives - W3SMA

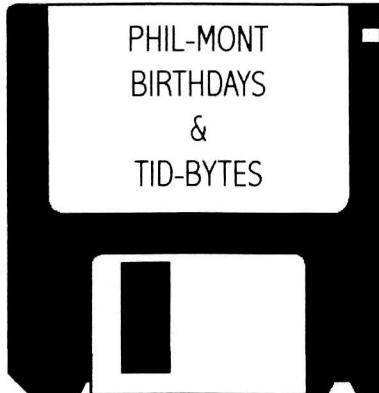
\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*\*

### Upcoming Directory Supplement

With the October Blurb you will receive the 2000 Directory Supplement. It will contain information on new members plus corrections and additions that have been received during the past six months. If you have any changes that you would like included, I must have them by September 15th. In addition, the directory will feature a "mailing list" of PMRC members who have sent me their packet and/or E-Mail addresses. If you would like to be listed, send your information to me at my e-mail address: [wb3koj@comcat.com](mailto:wb3koj@comcat.com)

### CALL CHANGE

K1IGZ is now N3JRP



### MEMBERSHIP STATS

148 Full paid members  
15 Family members  
4 Youth members (under 17)  
2 Honorary members  
0 Pending members

## PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Charlie Weigand, W3WF  
Phone 610-323-1050

Packet: [aa3p@w3ch.#sepa.pa.usa.noam](mailto:aa3p@w3ch.#sepa.pa.usa.noam)  
E-mail: [aa3ep@aol.com](mailto:aa3ep@aol.com)

Russ Stafford, W3CH

Phone: (610)631-3401 ext. 902

Packet: [w3ch@w3ch.#sepa.pa.usa.noam](mailto:w3ch@w3ch.#sepa.pa.usa.noam)

### September 23 and 24

City to Shore MS-150  
Cherry Hill, NJ to Ocean City, NJ

### December 3- Brian's Run

West Chester, Pa.

## Public Service Forms Available

Public Service Forms are available on Line. Thanks to **Charlie, W3WF** and **Peter, KB3DFQ** you may download any of the following sign-up forms for the year 2000 public service events.

MS Walks

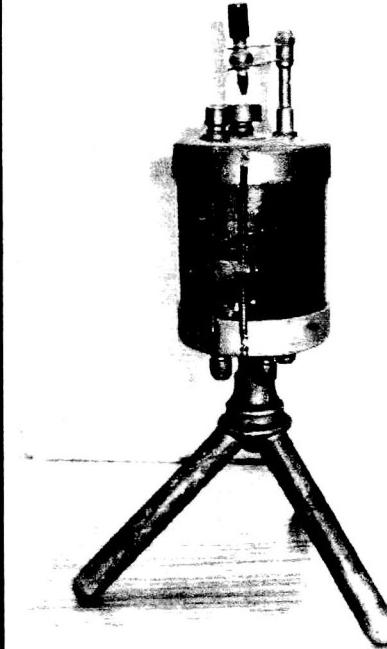
Chester County Bike Tour

MS 150 City to Shore 2000

the url is:

<http://metro-comm.freethinkers.net>

(thanks to W3CH)



If you know what this is,  
e-mail the editor.

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# Calendar for September 2000

September — Named for the Latin word for “seven” as it was originally the seventh month of the Roman year before the introduction of July and August.

1	<i>Fri</i>	
2	<i>Sat</i>	
3	<i>Sun</i>	(2M net -WA3NSP) (75M net- W3PWG) (10M net-W3AA)
4	<i>Mon</i>	Labor Day
5	<i>Tues</i>	(Code practice 8PM- W3AOK)
6	<i>Wed</i>	Board meeting at W3AOK
7	<i>Thur</i>	
8	<i>Fri</i>	
9	<i>Sat</i>	
10	<i>Sun</i>	(2M net-N3OWM) (75M net-KB3IV) (10M net - W3AA)
11	<i>Mon</i>	
12	<i>Tues</i>	Code practice 8PM -W3RM
13	<i>Wed</i>	General meeting at the Franklin Institute. refreshments at 7. meeting starts 7:30
14	<i>Thur</i>	
15	<i>Fri</i>	Agatha Christie born 1890
16	<i>Sat</i>	
17	<i>Sun</i>	(2M net - KB3IV) (75M net - W3PWG) (10M net - W3AA) Constitution signed, 1787
18	<i>Mon</i>	
19	<i>Tues</i>	Code Practice 8PM -WA3NSP
20	<i>Wed</i>	
21	<i>Thur</i>	
22	<i>Fri</i>	
23	<i>Sat</i>	
24	<i>Sun</i>	(2M net - N3FTY) (75M net- KB3IV) (10M net- W3AA)
25	<i>Mon</i>	
26	<i>Tues</i>	Code Practice 8PM -W3AOK
27	<i>Wed</i>	New Moon
28	<i>Thur</i>	
29	<i>Fri</i>	
30	<i>Sat</i>	First day of Rosh Hashannah

# Activities for September 2000

*Net Control stations should read the following announcements before asking if there are any more announcements for the Net*

- Sept. 6 - Board meeting at W3AOK
- VE testing will be held on Thursday September 7 at 6:30 P.M. The 2000 ARRL VE test fee is \$6.65.
- Sign up for the MS150 City to Shore Bike Ride. Remember this is our biggest Public Service event of the year. This is one of the reasons the FCC allows us to exist. **Bike tour is September 23-24.**
- Sept. 13 - General Meeting at the Franklin Institute

## Looking Ahead

**Oct.11 - Board meeting at the Franklin Institute before the General Meeting.**

Topics for the General Meetings for the remainder of 2000:

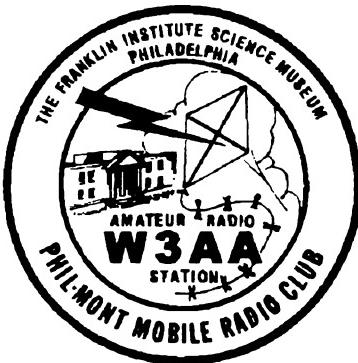
- ✓ **September** — Package pickup for the MS150 City to Shore Bike Tour
- ✓ **October** — "Buck" Nimz, U.S. Coast Guard Communications
- ✓ **November** — Sunspots
- ✓ **December** — Elections

**"DON'T TAILGATE... WAIT"**—for the courtesy !

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